# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ATOMIC ENERGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2250
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PRODUCTION OF URANIUM
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the production of uranium has increased during the last three years in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof,State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether production of uranium in the country is sufficient to meet the requirement of nuclear plants in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make the country self-reliant in the production of uranium?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE),PMO,PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) It is not in public interest to disclose information on the quantity of uranium produced in the country.

(c) No, Sir.At present there is a mismatch in the requirement and production of uranium in the country.

(d) & (e) In order to meet the enhanced requirement of uranium for the country's nuclear power programme,Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL),a public sector undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy has embarked upon a massive expansion programme to augment its production capacity substantially.UCIL besides operating six mines and two processing plants in Jharkhand is constructing a new mine at Mohuldih in Jharkhand and a new mine and a processing plant at Tummalapalle in the Cuddapah District,Andhra Pradesh.In addition UCIL also proposes to set up new mines and a processing plant at Lambapur-Peddagattu in the Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh,a mine and mill at Kylleng Pyndengsohiong Mawthabah (KPM) in the West Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya State and a mine and mill at Gogi in the Gulbarga District of Karnataka State.However these projects will be taken up after receipt of all statutory clearances and approval of the Government of India.